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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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EP 0 957 477 corresponds with Japanese reference 2000-36130.

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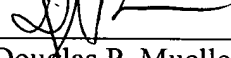
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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		"Thinning Limitation of Ge-Sb-Te Recording Film for High Transmittance Media". Proc. of PCOS '99, pp. 83-88					
		Kubota et al. "Wave Optics", 1971, pp 199-236, and partial translation					

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